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1. The People's Revolutionary Military Council in Peiping has decided to nationalize communications and mobilize industry as an emergency measure.
2. The Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee (CSMAC) was chosen as the first area organization to draft and make public regulations for these nationalization and mobilization measures. The regulations were to be issued.
3. Terms of the regulations for the nationalization of communications in Central and South China include the following:
  - a. All public and private roads to be nationalized. All commercial highway busses and trucks, all 5 passenger private cars, charcoal-driven trucks,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton jeeps, motorcycles, and all two-ox farm carts to be nationalized and operated by the government.
  - b. All steamboats and motorized junks with a speed of 3 knots or more to be nationalized without regard to tonnage and appearance. All ocean-going steamers less than 20 years old and all river steamers less than 5 years old to be requisitioned and nationalized.
  - c. All fishing boats, houseboats<sup>1</sup>, and commercial sailboats to be requisitioned and run by the government.
4. Terms of the regulations for the mobilization of industries included the following:
  - a. All workmen to join service corps.
  - b. All factory machinery to be placed under government control.
  - c. All industrial materials and those which are suitable for military purposes to be requisitioned by the government.

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5. The regulations were not designed to interfere with the over-all economy of Communist China. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The term "houseboat" here probably does not refer to the many boats in South China which have for years served as homes, but to boats on the rivers and canals which carry passengers.

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